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For : MEDICAMENT FOR TREATMENT OF DERMAL PIGMENTATION

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 16, 2009, which sets a one-month shortened statutory period to expire on August 17, 2009 (August 16, 2009 being a Sunday), Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 24, 25, 28, 29, 35, and 36) without traverse. Inasmuch as this response is being filed by the one-month date of August 17, 2009 (August 16, 2009 being a Sunday), no extension of time is believed necessary. However, if any extension of time is deemed to be necessary, the same is hereby requested and the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any extension of time fees and any other fees necessary for maintaining the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action asserts that the application contains the following groups of inventions:

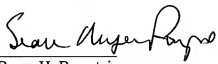
- I. Claims 24, 25, 28, 29, 35, and 36, allegedly drawn to a method for preventing the development of dermal pigmentation caused by transformation and/or proliferation of melanocytes in a mammal by administering a preventively effective amount of a compound represented by general formula (I); and
- II. Claim 34, allegedly drawn to a method for preventing the development of skin cancer caused by transformation and/or proliferation of melanocytes in a mammal by administering a preventively effective amount of a compound represented by general formula (I)

Election

Applicants elect *without traverse* the invention set forth in Group I, i.e., claims 24, 25, 28, 29, 35, and 36.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this response, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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